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March, Month Of "Meets"

Engineering Student Recommended For Award

Major Frank M. Christmas, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Prairie View A & M College has announced the selection of Cadet Sergeant First Class Ervin Sewell Perry as nominee for one of the ten Gold Medal Awards given annually by the American Society of Engineers. The award is presented to outstanding students in General Military Science ROTCs who are in the next-to-last year of Engineering courses.

The selection of Cadet Perry was based on exacting criteria established by the American Society of Engineers which requires among other things, each nominee to be in the upper fourth of the class in R.O.T.C. and in overall academic standing. In addition, the student must be recommended jointly by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics and the Dean of the School of Engineering as the "outstanding Engineering student of the year" of his group.

Mr. C. L. Wilson, Dean of the School of Engineering gave praise and was highly enthusiastic in his support of Cadet Perry's nomination.

Cadet Perry, one of the well-known "Perry twins" of the campus, has established a commendable record in becoming eligible for the nomination. At present, he ranks top man of the 87 Engineering students of his class and is rated fifth among fifty-five in General Military Science.

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Campus Polio Drive Is Big Success In '55

Ending the last day of January, the campus polio fund drive—March of Dimes—was more successful in 1955 than in any previous year.

Spearheaded by the Progressive Veterans Club and the Health Education Class, Dr. J. C. Mitchum, instructor, the collection of "at least a dime" from the entire Prairie View community membership kept the "money wrappers" busy several days.

Training School Triumphs

Two pupils at the college's Elementary School were referred to by H. T. Jones, principal.

In one instance, the enthusiasm of one little fella' was so great that he gave his entire allowance of one dollar to the drive.

Another pupil, equally as anxious to help the cause, contributed \$2.

Total receipts from the Training School were \$14.83.

College Barbers All Out

Members of the P. V. Barber Shop put their share of the "takes" in the polio container. Not only were they diligent about making contributions, but every customer was "buttonholed" for at least a one cent gift to the drive.

So effective was the technique that the container was "stuffed" with money.

Students Cooperative

Members of the student body supported the benefit basketball game whole heartedly. The Veterans Club quintet won over the Hempstead All-Stars who played "for free" in order that all the funds raised could be given to the drive.

All in all, everybody tried to "get in the act", and the March of Dimes was the better because of their support and enthusiasm.



HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF as the 3.0 average comes again in small numbers. Pictured above, Constance E. Royal (l), Fort Worth, and Helen D. Willis (r), Wharton, represent the only students to attain a "straight A" average for the first semester.

—Photos by Ward

PREXY FETES HONOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, February 15, was a festive-like day for students who made the Prairie View A & M College "Honor Roll" during the first semester of the current school year.

Dr. E. B. Evans, President, extended his usual congratulations to the 250 young men and women who had received at least "two-point" (B) average, at a banquet in the College Dining Hall, on the evening of the 15th.

Delivering the principal address, Dr. A. E. Teele, Professor of Education, challenged the guests "to be alert to the demands of the era in which you are now participating."

Members of the Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honorary—and members of the National Society—were presented to the Assembled guests.

Following remarks by President Evans, members of the College Faculty rendered varied selections.

Faculty personnel serving as advisors to Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society are: Dr. E. M. Lewis, Miss

A. L. Campbell and Dr. Cedric Stubblefield.

ROTC ANNOUNCES DISTINGUISHED MILITARY STUDENTS

Major Frank M. Christmas, the PMS&T, has designated four Distinguished Military Students, the first to be so designated from Prairie View A & M College ROTC in the past several years. This recognition for high academic scholarship, leadership ability and outstanding participation in other College activities was received by Cadet Colonel Loston Harris, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Essex Fowls, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel James W. Wallace and Cadet Captain Elijah W. Miles, all of the Senior Class. These Cadets are now eligible, as the result of such designation as Distinguished Military Students, to apply for direct commissions in the Regular Army, and when approved, to be accorded the same Service benefits as are accorded West Point graduates.

Conferences Are Scheduled

Not only will March bring the ever-welcome Spring to the Prairie View A & M College campus, but it will usher in several important conferences and various meetings as well.

Education Conference

On March 4, the Twenty-Sixth Annual Education Conference will convene. The theme of the professional meeting will be: "The Ideal Product of the Texas Public Schools."

Attended by public school administrators, teachers, Texas Education Agency officials, college administrators, and faculty, it is expected that this year's symposium will prove to be of interest and value in the activities of schools throughout the state.

Principals' Conference

On the afternoon of March 4, following the Education Conference, principals and high school counselors will meet with college administrators to discuss mutual problems pertaining to freshman students who have recently become college students here.

Income Tax Institute

What with the many problems which seem to confront people who "make money" and have to pay income taxes for 1954, the Institute to be held March 7-9, should be most helpful. A class project, W. D. Swindall, instructor, in the Department of Business Administration and Business Education, it is anticipated that the attendance this year will exceed that of the previous years. Several representatives of law firms, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and faculty consultants will participate in the three evening meetings.

Medical Assembly

Always an interesting meeting—scientific and human in its import—the Post Graduate Medical Assembly attracts many medical and dental specialists from throughout the nation.

This year, the Assembly will convene March 7-10. As usual, a wide variety of medical problems will be discussed by some of the leading specialists in the nation.

Band Festival

The Interscholastic Band Festival attracts thousands of high school students to the campus. This year, the "music makers" will gather to play their several selections on March 11 and 12.

Many "hometown" students find Continued on Page 8)

Student Minister Chosen For Baptist Church

Recently it was announced that the Reverend Edward Hill had been chosen pastor of the Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Since its founding in 1895, this Church has developed into one of the largest and most outstanding Churches in the City of Houston.

Presently Reverend Hill is President of the National Baptist Youth Convention of America and also President of the Youth Convention of the General Baptist Convention of Texas.

Reverend Hill is a senior, honor student at Prairie View A & M College.

Music Prof To Appear In Organ Concert

Hampton Z. Barker, music professor, will be presented in an organ recital on March 20, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.

The San Jacinto Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting Mr. Barker at the Dowling Street institution.

Familiar to Prairie View students and staff members as the organist for the college choir under the direction of Dr. R. von Charlton, Head of the Music Department, and Mr. Tallie Mozee, voice instructor, the

college organist appears regularly in Sunday services, special convocations and various programs throughout the school term.

The public is invited to attend the concert.



THE QUEEN, her attendants, their escorts, the buglers and the slaves-in-waiting caught and held the spotlight at the recent Coronation Ball.

—Ward Photo

Wear it proudly

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helped



Answer the Call
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About PV-ites With The Military

Second Lt. H. R. Davis, 23, son of H. R. Davis, Route 4, Bryan, Texas, is serving as platoon leader in Company L of the 1st Infantry Division's 26th Infantry Regiment. Lieutenant Davis, who entered the Army in March 1954, is a 1954 graduate of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Army Pvt. James McGill, 22, whose wife, Bettie, lives on Route 6, Pittsburg, Texas, recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the Seventh Army.

American defense forces strategically located throughout the U.S. Zone of Germany support the combat units of the Seventh Army.

Private McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill, route 4, Mt. Pleasant, was graduated from Prairie View (Tex.) College in 1954. He entered the Army that August and is now a medical corpsman with the 4th Surgical Hospital.

WAC CENTER, Fort McClellan, Ala.—Private Billye R. Fields, niece of Mrs. Charity Woods, 1007 W. First St., Hearne, Texas, has just



BILLYE R. FIELDS

Completes Basic Training

completed basic training at the new Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Private Fields has been transferred to Fort Jackson, S. Carolina for duty as a clerk-typist. She is a graduate of Blackshear High School and attended Prairie View A & M College.

Emery X. Borrrs, Jr., son of Mrs. Ruby Sergeant of 1732 Poland St., Shreveport, Louisiana, a platoon leader with the 273rd Regiment of the 69th Infantry Division here, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Entering the Army in June, 1953, Lieutenant Borrrs completed the basic officers course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., and has served at Fort Dix since September of that year.

A graduate of Fred Douglas high school, Denton, Texas, the lieutenant received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas, and is a member of Beta Kappa Chi and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities and the Texas Academy of Science.

ATTEND SUMMER
June 6 Through
August 27, '55



ART EXHIBITORS—Miss Pearl Sewell and Leon Leonard, teachers in the Art Department at the college, recently exhibited outstanding art pieces in a special display for students and faculty. Other professional exhibiting materials were Mrs. Theresa Pratt Allen and Mrs. James A. Randall.

PV's Contribution To World Peace Is Seen At ROTC Field Day

Loston Harris, Outstanding Military Cadet By "A"

On May 5, at 1:30 p.m., when Prairie View's R.O.T.C. Regiment marched onto Blackshear Field, more than 500 cadets provided tangible evidence of the college's "contribution to world peace."

The summer uniforms of the cadets complimented by the officers and non-coms' of the military staff, and visiting "inspecting officers" from the college staff and graduate student body created an impressive sight.

The multicolored scarfs — blue, red, and yellow, symbols of the Infantry Field Artillery and Cavalry, respectively—added to the overall spectacle.

Add to this the white helmets of the Military Band, the white helmets, "leggings", belts and M-1 rifle slings, and the beauty of the scene becomes more apparent.

Precision, expeditious maneuvers, order and discipline made the Field Day memorable from every viewpoint.

Competitions

At all levels, drilling competitions were keen. Particularly noticeable was the rivalry between companies, platoons and squads for first place(s).

"Abel" and "Dog" companies commanded by Cadet Captains Philip Thorn and George Fisher vied for the coveted "first".

"Dog" and "Easy" platoons were put through their paces by Cadet Lieutenants Johnson and Mack Ogletree.

"Baker" and "Charlie" squads led by cadets Holland Bynum and Cleveland Gilcrease "stepped out smartly" as commands reverberated across the drill field.

The Winnahs!!

This is the way the competitions ended:

Best Drilled Battalion—1st Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Roy A. Atkins (Maxwell W. Vales Trophy);

Best Drilled Company — "Dog" Company commanded by Capt. George Fisher (Jesse H. Jones Cup);

Best Drilled Platoon—3rd Platoon, Company "E", commanded by Lt. Col. Mack Ogletree (Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Trophy);

Best Drilled Squadron — 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, "B" Company, led by sophomore Cadet Holland Bynum (American Legion Plaque).

Distinguished Military Students Are Announced

A singular honor each year is that of being named an outstanding military student. "Distinguished" is the term used to denote the extra fine caliber of the cadet's performance.

Four cadets were named this year for their overall performance in the R.O.T.C.; their general academic standing; and their participation in the student activities of the

college. They are: LOSTON HARRIS, ESSEX FOWLKS, JAMES WALLACE, and ELIJAH MILES.

Each of the cadets named has been an outstanding student during the four years of their academic and R.O.T.C. training.

As the result of their distinction, choose careers in the regular army.

Cadets Awarded

Signal honors were bestowed on the following cadets for various performances as individual ROTC members:

Outstanding Graduating Cadet—Loston Harris (Sam W. Becker Award).

Advanced Corps Cadet with Highest Average—Essex Fowlkes (I. Frenkil Cash Award).

Best Drilled Cadet—Holland Bynum (Houston Chamber of Commerce Medal).

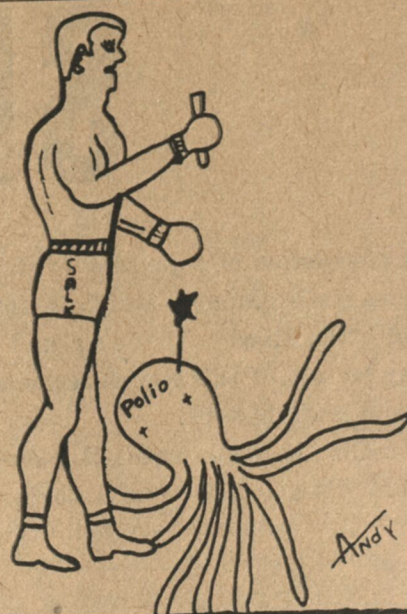
Outstanding Freshman Cadet—Rowan M. Smith (American Legion Medal)

Outstanding Sophomore Cadet—Bernard Johnson (Houston C of C Award)

Outstanding Basic Course Cadet—Edward Clark (Houston C of C Award)

Outstanding Junior Cadet—Erwin

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"Kid SALK"—THE WINNER



JERRY JOYCE—Senior highlighter. Outstanding as the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Jerry Joyce was a continued senior highlighter during the year.

Alpha Pi Mu Plans For Next Year

The Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu recently held a meeting of its members and sponsors to present keys, literature and plan program for next year.

As a highlight of the meeting, Dr. T. P. Dooley, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, congratulated the students and expressed words of in-

Dramatics Group Presents Play

On Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, the Charles Gilpin Players, under the sponsorship of the English Department, presented "John Loves Mary", a comedy in three acts by Norman Krasna. Featured among the cast players were Holland Bynum as "John", and Betty Dennis as "Mary." Others in the cast included Adolph Fulton as "Senator James McKinley", Andre MacDonald as "Mrs. Phyllis McKinley", Raymond Boyd as "Fred Taylor", Shredrick T. Devers as "Lieutenant Victor O'Leary", Ina Belle Daniels as "Lily Herbrish" Harvey King as "General Harwood Biddle" Bobby Durham as "George Beechwood" and Elmer Parish as "Oscar Dugan." The play was directed by a committee composed of Mrs. F. B. Ledbetter, Mr. H. D. Smith, Mrs. Horace Murdock and Mrs. Lula Ward.

spiration to them for continued success.

Pictures were made of the group, immediately following key presentations and election of officers for the coming year.

Those persons to hold key position for Alpha Pi Mu are: President, Raymond Smith; Vice-President, Ervin Perry; Treasurer, Raymond Scott

Because a major portion of the society will be gaudating this year, the responsibility of carrying out the traditions and practices of the past will be given to the new members. However, the graduating members, who are Myrtle Edwards, Margaret Carreathers, Doris Rausaw, Elijah Miles, Dallas Pierre, Thaddeus MacDonald and Charles Washington, feel that the new "crop" will be equally as able to carry on the duties of the society.

The Alpha Pi Mu has succeeded in doing several things this year that gained for them experience and recognition. The group sponsored a special program which paid tribute to first semester honor students, acted as host for the President's Dinner for Honor Students, published several intellectual articles in the school paper, sponsored an initiation banquet for its new members, sent several representatives to the national convention, sponsored panel discussions on timely topics and several other very interesting activities to benefit the entire student body.

One member of the chapter has been designated as Distinguished Military Student; another was elected vice-president of the Prairie View Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi and two members made Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The Alpha Pi Mu looks forward to an even more successful year in '55-'56.

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CLUB 26—Photo at top shows the 26 pledges who made the Club 26 roster and were special guests at the Annual Black and White Ball held jointly with the Club's "Brothers"—The Crescents. At right are the "older sisters" of Club 26.

CLUB 26 HIGHLIGHTS

The nightingale and the lark aren't even in it, just 26'ers only. This club consists of 26 congenial young ladies, who were chosen because of their academic work, social moral and their physical characteristics.

Being one of the younger clubs on the campus, it has progressed rapidly, as an asset to the school.

Beginning the activities of the year, a joint Thanksgiving Dinner, composed of Club 26 and Crescendo brothers, was enjoyed by all. The second activity, a Valentine Party, was given in the recreation center which was also a joint activity. The color scheme, red and white, made the setting conducive for the activity. Each year during the month of April, "Club 26" pledges are presented after one week of probation, at the Black and White Ball which all students look forward to and respect as being one of the most elaborate and prominent activities of the year.

Mrs. Gloria L. Hobbs as the sponsor, has helped to make the club one of the best on the campus. The officers of the club are: Nona Fisher, president; Angie L. McCann, vice-president; Virgetta Thomas, recording secretary; Ernestine Broussard, corresponding secretary; Lee Vellar Reed, treasurer; Anna J. Brazos, chaplain; other members of the club are:

Melva Broussard
Jettie Burton
Theresa Burrell
Eunice Jackson
Davetta Callies
Frances Hailey
Cleopatra Donley
Anna Milstead
Ethel Stanton
O'Reacie Terple
June Thomas
Freddie Williams
Agnes Williams
Jean Williams
Billie Walton
Frances Winfield
Delores E. Roy
Leola Van Johnson
Erma Evans



FTA NEWS

The Eighth Annual State Convention of the Texas Association of Future Teachers of America Chapters, was held at Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas, March 24-26, 1955. The theme for this conference was "Education, An Investment in Humanity." Members of the Preston-Prunty Chapter, Prairie View College, that attended the meeting were: Ella M. James, Dorothy Briggs, Bernice Williams, Joe H. Mucker, Myrtle Edwards, and Mrs. A. C. Preston, supervisor.

Among the interesting activities were: Tour of the Texas Prison System, and the many meetings held.

The local F.T.A. Chapter has on its agenda for the rest of the year:

Educational Tour—San Antonio; A Picnic in May. The next meeting will consist of plans for the coming year.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The annual Ladies Day celebration was held Thursday afternoon, April 21, in honor of the ladies of the campus and surrounding communities. The activities of the Ladies Day exercises were held on Blackshear Field.

Miss Claudette Nickens, senior Home Economics major of Huntsville, Texas, was chosen by the cadets as the "Lady of the Year." Upon receiving such honor she was presented

Do You Remember When...

You arrived on the Prairie View Campus in September, 1951?
You went to class and glanced across the aisle to another freshman as "green" as you?
Attended your first movie. Did you sit in the Balcony?
The PANTHERS defeated Southern for the first time in 10 years and went on to beat them three times again?
It was so cold at the Southern game and Homecoming '52?

ROTC HIGHLIGHTS

William Larkin is a chemistry major finishing in 3 years and, a semester ...
Dudley ReRouen was president of the Class of '55 during its freshman and sophomore years.

Elijah Miles is the National Alpha Kappa Mu Vice President, the highest position that can be obtained by an undergraduate student.

Phillip Thorne is one of the only two students left still receiving the Jesse Jones Scholarship in our class.

"Choo Choo" Brackins and "Chili" received contracts with professional football teams.

Frances Eugene Winfield was the recipient of the Anna L. Campbell award in her junior year. This award is given to the Junior English major who has the highest scholastic average in English.

John Simmons and Mldred Mark have been going very steady during their entire stay at Prairie View.

Gerald Baptiste has been an outstanding basketball star for four years.

Roy Atkins is a swell sport, in life and on the court.

Roland Goodman was a "prince" march and the manual of arms.

Maj. Elliott M. Johnson, assistant PMS&T, has taken charge of the first year advance course cadets as class instructor in replacement of Capt. William J. Story who left the staff in order to attend language school in California. Capt. Story joined the Prairie View Military Staff in September, 1953, as First Lieutenant. Shortly after taking his post as assistant PMS&T he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

The Junior ROTC Cadets are undergoing a series of shots and vaccinations in preparation for attending the six weeks of training in summer camp at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Cadet Roscoe Webber, junior engineering major, was recently promoted to cadet First Lieutenant. With this promotion he was made cadet commander of the ROTC band.

JUNIOR ELECTED QUEEN OF F. T. A.

The F.T.A. Queen for the year 1955-56 was elected recently in a local club meeting.

She is Miss Ella M. James who hails from Conroe, Texas. Miss James is an Elementary Education major and a Library Science minor. She is an honor student and very active in activities on the campus. She is also a member of the Panther staff.

Upon finishing her under graduate education here she plans to go to graduate school here also.

Three cheers to the queen of the F.T.A.

NOTICE!!

Prairie View Alumni, 1938

All Members of the Class of '38 Please Contact

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EDITORIALS

PANTHER STAFF SALUTES...

As the Panther makes its final contribution toward serving the college community for the regular session of 1954-55, we wish to pay tribute to those persons who have been instrumental in planning, organizing, publishing and distributing this paper throughout the year. The Panther gives itself a hearty 'pat on the back' for a job well done.

As a means of acquainting the readers with each member, a brief look at each staff member follows:

Anderson, S. A.—Persons who have never expressed interest in the sports section of a newspaper, have been charmed this year by reading the blow-by-blow descriptions of our sports editor, S. A. Anderson. Because he is a sportsman himself, S. A. is always on hand to 'get the news' and give an accurate report. "S. A.," a junior from Ennis, Texas, does not confine himself to sports writing, but does a swell job as substitute cartoonist, editorial writer and circulation manager.

The Panther's answer to Edith Head, noted fashion expert, is **Rose Marie Bennett**, Galveston, Texas, Junior, fashion editor. Countless readers of Rose's column can attribute their good looks to her expert advice and predictions.

A senior's life is a busy one—that accounts for the 'pop' calls **Margaret Caruthers**, Denison, Texas, paid the Panther staff this year. However, these pop calls were never useless ones because Margaret was able to bring at least one article on each visit and type at least three. The Panther takes this opportunity to say—Success to you Margaret and we will miss you.

"We're not clockwatchers" is the motto of another typist, **Fred Choice**, Henderson, Texas, Junior, who always manages to be doing Panther typing after hours. Although he seldom gets around to newshunting, he answers the call of expert typist any hour of the day.

The person who hasn't found himself behind **Herbert DeRouen's** camera just should crawl away and hide. Mr. "D" can be seen at any time, whenever people congregate, appeasing their camera-happy desires. Herbert is a junior from Raywood, and has had enough experience with the camera shutter to qualify for anybody's picture taking business.

Moral support is just as important, as any other, at times, and The Panther could always depend on **Doris Freeman**, a junior from Denison, Texas, for her moral support as well as periodic visits. Doris promises, however, to give not only her much needed moral support next year, but some of that much needed news that she is famous for making, as well as getting.

The business manager is the life of The Panther, or so he thinks. **Adolph Hauntz**, senior from Houston, Texas, prides himself in being responsible for the continued success of the Panther. Who is to argue with his contention, since every paper is the result of his planning and business arrangement? The Panther finds itself lamenting as to how will it operate without him next year? (Seriously).

New ideas can always find a way of getting around with **Booker Hogan** in circulation. Serving as circulation manager and news editor, Booker, as a Junior from Brenham, Texas, contributed spasmodic bursts of interest in The Panther—the fruits of which increased Panther duties if not service by the personnel.

Some people never know they can achieve until they try—such was the cast of **Ella James**, Junior, news editor from Conroe, Texas, who never realized she could write until she tried. As a result of this trial, Ella has written at least one article for each paper this year (had 'em by-lined, too).

Doris Malone finds her third year as Panther staffer just as interesting and productive as the past. Getting to know just about everybody on the campus, because of her work with the Campus Highlights, Doris, a Junior from Electra, Texas, has worked unrelentlessly with the Panther this year, as news editor and 'good will' director.

Another senior takes a bow and leaves the Panther typist department minus an interested and aggressive member. **Jimmie Phillip**, typist, gatherer and compiler of senior news for this issue, leaves the Panther on graduation and will be missed by the entire staff.

Looking forward to another year at making the Panther office a home away from home, **Lois Platt**, editor from Denison, Texas, plans for a year of increased interest and productivity.

Without Mr. "A" and Mr. Wood, there would be no Panther—as the staff knows and everyone else should. The "rat race," as the work of the paper is often referred to, is inevitably mastered with their expert guidance and advice.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer and see you next year.

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LEST WE FORGET...

By Dudley DeRouen

One of the greatest of the unpardonable codes of ethics is that of "forgetting," especially deeds or persons which have contributed greatly to someone's achievement. This senior class would be very upset if it were to be said that it is a victim of such criticism. We want to recognize and acknowledge the important part that our parents, the faculty, the administration, the student body and the school as a whole have played in connection with our career here at Prairie View.

As we end our stay here and the

beginning of our life's a bigger adventure, please be mindful of the fact that we pledge to adhere firmly to the principles and teachings we have been shown by you. There were times when situations presented themselves in such a manner to cause us to believe that the odds were against us—but you, the people in the background were always with us offering sympathy, understanding, and unforeseen foresight. You were, and still are, irreplaceable sources of finance, consultation, and thumb nail rules for application.

Thanks . . . Lest We Forget.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

I remember, I remember

The house where I was born,
The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn:
It never came a minute too soon
Nor brought too long a day.

Thomas Hood, 1798-1845

May is a month we hold in memory. We pay public tribute to those who lost their lives in defense of country; we pay private tribute to our own loved ones who are gone. Memorial Day is a time for remembering.

It is not a time for sadness, but rather a time for evaluation. The time to look at the balance sheet and

see what treasures of memory we are accumulating.

Some sad memories, others filled with laughter everytime you think about them.

All memories are to be cherished; never to be forgotten. This is May. See how many memories you can recall, both pleasant and sad.

This paragraph is dedicated to all graduating seniors. You, too, have something to remember. Your college career itself holds enough memories to fill any diary.

Let us give thanks that we have so much to remember that is really pleasant.

DO DREAMS COME TRUE?

By Ella M. James

If the human mind can actually leap the boundaries of time and report on things that have not yet happened, the discovery of that fact should bring about a major revolution in the concept of man and the universe. Many dreams of the famous people of our country have been recorded. It is said that Abraham Lincoln dreamed of his death only a few days before it happened. Even Julius Caesar's wife dreamed of his

death just before he was murdered.

Dreams are said to be more understandable in the respect that they involve the person who is dreaming.

To the graduating seniors I say only you can be the determiners of whether your dreams come true or not. Many of you have seen yourselves in dreams, walk across the stage for the reward you have toiled so faithfully for the last four years. Only by finishing the requirements can these dreams come true. Seniors, do dreams come true?

Seniors Dedication To Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen

Down through the corridors of time, this shining glow, this magic world of ours floats serenely through stars and space. And dreams of men shall meet again in reality and together learn the truth of loyalty and love—for God, for country—and for one another. And in the brilliant light of that knowledge, look up and

say—"Lord, I am this man's keeper, for behold, he is my brother."

And while we await this dawn, this deeper understanding of our flight we bid you rest and quietude, we bid you peace and comfort, and we, the members of the senior class, bid you a most inspirational and memorable college career.

ROTC FIELD DAY—

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S. Perry (Houston C of C Award)

Outstanding R.O.T.C. Non-Commissioned Officer—James Lauder (Becker Award)

Outstanding R.O.T.C. Officer—Carly Lee Alton (Becker Award)

Special letters of appreciation and commendation were presented the Bandmaster, Leonard Bowden; Miss R.O.T.C., Ernestine Craft; Lady of the Year, Claudette Nickens.

The Battalion and Company Queens were cited for their contributions to the military program and morale during the year.

Special Unit Citations were made to the Military Band and the Drill Team as the "Honor Units of the Year."

Intersteting Program Throughout

The entire afternoon's program was interesting, colorful and educational. Members of the military staff were presented—including a description of their military service to date—the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Major Frank M. Christmas, was on hand to make awards; President E. B. Evans who presented the outstanding military student award, was among the guests; Mrs. W. R. Banks, wives of the military professors and sweet-

The Panther Another Year

The PANTHER (Prairie View's Student Publication) is an institution within itself. The publication cannot very well be "students," if they don't participate.

Because the PANTHER refuses to be non-existent, the Prairie View community has been able to enjoy its publication this year through the efforts of a faithful few.

The PANTHER resolves, however, to be an organ with the full support of the institution for the year 1955-56. This support will be active and direct, however.

An institution with a populous of 2000-plus should be able to give to its publication department at least a group of ten persons who are willing and able to add to its existence and not be a liability to it.

With a brighter view for the future in sight, THE PANTHER bids a pleasant farewell to its readers and leaves this question to be decided for next year—are YOU with us?

hearts of the cadets were among the spectators.

Captain Alonzo O. C. Sargent made the official announcements of all proceedings, assisted by Renaldo Yerwood.

Field Day is an annual observance, and the presence of thousands of spectators should always be on hand to witness the very fine activities and awards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AAA Battery (AW) AY 8394
450th AAA Bn (Lt) (75mm) (Mbl)
Ladd Air Force Base, Alaska

APO 731 Seattle, Washington
Dear Editor:

One of the Seniors of Prairie View is doing nicely in keeping me up with the latest news around Prairie View. She recently sent me one of the latest issues of the Panther. I also must say you are doing a nice job. I hope you greater success.

I must say that Prairie View is still growing, and has been rapidly moving toward great success. I do hope it will continue. I hope it may forever grow and produce better men and women for the world for tomorrow.

Some men are here that I have only heard of, that recently left Prairie View, and those I have met, I don't remember their names. However, I feel that we all feel the same way about the country. So to add to the interest of the student body is a few lines of poetry, attached.

Our Thoughts, Hopes, Beliefs,
And Knowledge

LADD AIR FORCE BASE,
ALASKA

Just below the Arctic circle
Ladd is the spot,
We are doomed to serve our time
In the land that God forgot.

Here is the land of ice and snow
Where man gets awful blue,
Serving in the middle of nowhere
Thinking, dearly, of Prairie View.

We swear, we freeze, and shiver
It's more than a man can stand,
We're not supposed to be convicts
Just defendants of our land.

We are the men of the four-fiftieth,
Working for our pay,
Guarding people with thousands
For measly two-fourth a day.

We don't buy many souvenirs
The prices are high and steep,
We cannot walk lover's lane with
Eskimoes
In ice and snow that is three feet deep.

We live with memories of the past,
Wishing to see our gals;
Hoping while we are away
They haven't married our pals.

Every week from Monday to Sunday
We are preparing for inspection.
Saturday when it's all over,
We are still making corrections.

It gets awful, awful cold
Sometimes sixty below,
But for us men of Ladd
Our work has still got to show.

Only a small group know we are alive
Only a small group even give a damn,
At home we are so often forgotten,
The Soldiers of Uncle Sam.

The time we spend in the four-fiftieth
Is the time of our lives most missed,
Boys don't let the draft board get you,
And for my sake don't enlist.

But when we reach the Golden Gates
Saint Peter to God will yell,
These men served in Alaska, "Sir,"
They've spent their time in Hell.

Yours truly,

Darius M. Davis, '52

APO 731 Seattle, Wash.

THE SENIOR CLASS - 1955

YE OLD CRYSTAL BALL

By Loston Harris

Well, well, here we are once again about to gaze into that object that reveals an inevitable future for those that come into its path—the magnificent Crystal Ball. After four long years of toil, pain, glory and achievements, we sit here meditating—wondering, “where will all of the knowledge that I have acquired over the past four years take me in the future?—what is my destiny?—will I be a complete success?—will I have a hard struggle or will I have it ‘easy’?—what is my next move?—where shall I go now?—what shall I do?” Worry no longer, my fellow colleagues, for Dr. Harris has a cure to every pain or headache brought about by thoughts of the future. And now as I rub my crystal ball lightly and gaze 15 years into the future, I see—ah, the year 1970 and Wesley Boyd owning one of the largest funeral homes in the United States, making twice the profit of any noted Business Corporation and, no wonder, he’s working along with Dr. John Breed who constantly forgets and uses the wrong tools at the wrong time when performing operations on his patients.

Well, what have we here? Why, it’s Joan Crawford, a mother of five children, teaching English and Geography in the San Antonio Public School System.

And here is Delores Conner, still unmarried, but one of the most energetic Mathematics instructors at Lincoln High School of Port Arthur.

Jean Williams, I didn’t know that you were the housewife type. I always thought of you as being purely musical.

Don’t blame me, John Davis. You should have graduated from P. V. long ago.

I see Dallas Pierre as one of the most outstanding physicians in his community. Nice going, Pierre.

My, this is a surprise! Oliver Harrison owns one of the largest Supermarkets this side of the Mississippi River.

Peggy Fields—private secretary of the President of the United States—sends her regards.

Make up your mind, Arthur Butcher. Are you going to be a mortician or a tailor?

Jimmie Phillip, you haven’t been yourself since you started working in the psychiatric section of the Larkin Memorial Hospital. Better take a vacation and enjoy your musical family.



MISS PRAIRIE VIEW—This is a final salute to the school queen, a senior class member, Miss Bennie Jewel Douglas. The coronation of Miss Douglas as queen of the campus was a highlight of the 1954-55 calendar year.

Well, Welton Martin is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and one of the most prominent citizens in Nashville, Tennessee.

Hazel and Helen Ratcliff are really “living it up” now. Both are married to two of the most handsome men in Houston and have permanent jobs in the Houston Public School System.

What a wonderful sight to witness! Julius Parker is the head Laboratory Technician at America’s largest experiment center.

Roy Atkins, you are a representative of the biggest state in the union. When does the next meeting of Congress convene?

William Nowlin, you should be the happiest man in the world. You are the only doctor that 90% of the women in Ohio depend upon.

Norman Hebert isn’t doing so well, he’s out of a job again. “Why did he get fired?” Don’t you know? He got caught sleeping on the job.

Well, if it isn’t Douthard Butler, father of five children, residing in Houston, Texas, and selling policies for an Insurance Company.

Claudette Nickens, you don’t have anything to worry about. You are the senior executive of a dress designing firm, receiving an income of over \$55,000 a year. Having seven children doesn’t seem to be a burden to you at all.

Well, Benjamin Rickett and Phillip Thorne, you two have a wonderful future ahead. You are the head deacons in Rev. Edward Hill’s fabulous church.

Davetta Callies is now taking lessons from Marion Anderson. Her next appearance is in Carnegie Hall.

Leroy Flowers, you’re still staying up late at night correcting students’ examination papers. I thought that you always wanted to work in some big governmental laboratory.

Well—Sylvester Roach, some doctor you turned out to be—assistant librarian at Terrell High of Fort Worth.

Once a queen, always a queen, huh, Bennie Jewel Douglas. You are now queen of the American Association of Golfers, one of the most noted sports organizations in America.

Cleo Donley, you are now modeling for the Carnation Milk Company. Don’t get stampeded by any of those Carnation cows.

Renaldo Scott Yerwood and George Fisher, you’re not doing badly at all. As co-executives of Paul Williams Architectural Firm, Inc., you’re earning an income of \$63,000 per year. Income taxes are burning YOU up, though. You should have married long ago.

Well, Elijah Miles, what a place you’re making for yourself in life! You just won your twentieth straight victory. You should be celebrating because you out-debated one of America’s most prominent lawyers, Charles Washington.

Say, what is this! An address—Lt. Col. James Wallace, an overwhelming difference from being a

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SENIOR CLASS WILL

By Ada V. Thompson

Whereas the Seniors of ’55 would feel unjustified leaving dear ’ole Prairie View without making personal wills to friends, classmates, and instructors; and whereas it pleases the class membership to bequeath its most “prized” possessions to posterity, be it known that the following are “left”:

To wit:

Willie Hansford leaves the biggest portion of his extra weight to his little friend from Houston, Henry “Thin Man” Morris.

Majorie Moss wills the missing words that Mr. Mazyck is always looking for in class.

Andrew Walls wills his class nap to an on-coming senior.

Norma Johnsons leaves her beautiful bracelets to some unfortunate senior.

Mildred Newsome bequeaths her old job in the laundry to whoever wants it.

Hattie Wills leaves her college looks to her sister, Evelyn Wills.

Evelyn Justice wills all the borrowed dishes back to the dining hall.

Geraldine Pitts leaves her black cheaters to Helen Garcia.

Gloria Goodson wills her ability to talk in class to Dennystine Parnell.

Mildred Mark leaves her special seat in the movies to Alice Squire.

Carmenia M. Jones wills her room and bed to Margaret Wells.

Ethel Thomas wills her special tree on the side of the College Exchange to Hazel Alford.

Elta Mae Coleman wills her ability to be on time to Benneta Brooks.

La Verne Burton wills her traits of keeping quiet in class to Lena Chiles.

Theresa White wills her style to Betty Smith.

Vera Burdett leaves her ability to keep cool to Edna Collins.

Mattie A. Byrd wills her pleasing personality to La Ruth Moyer.

Katherine Hamilton Allums wills her time to Mr. L. Leonard so that in the future he will have ample “time to check investigative papers on time.”

Arletta Thomas wills her graceful walk to Janie Rickett.

Gloria Johnson wills her marketing textbook to Mr. W. D. Swindall.

Myrtle J. Green wills her eye glasses to Charline Phillips.

Lucille Frances leaves her personality to Helen Shelby.

Virginia L. Haynes wills her good sense of humor to Barbara Fuller.

Delores Durgen bequeaths her ability to smile to Mr. Churchwell.

Joyce L. Verdum wills her ability

to spend money faster than anyone elst to Ruth Williams.

Thelma Knight wills her sweet personality to Gloria De Bose.

Mae Pearl Johnson wills her tactful behavior and quietness to Alice Faye Taylor.

Dorothy Richards wils her I. Q. to Annie L. Hubbard, Jackie Sue Morrison, Earnestine Best, V. Elta Sanders and Jean Skinner so that they may divide it and come up with an average of more than 25; and to Maxine Rawls—who has written her thesis so nice and early hoping to finish and use it in May of 1965.

John Davis transmits his outstanding reputation to John Pope (“Be Careful” Pope).

Coleta Thomas hands down her old notebook to Bonnie J. Hamilton.

Emory Harper wills his regrets to a wonderful time he and his former love could have had.

Theresa Burrell wills all of his best wishes to Betty J. Martin, and his love to Evelyn Alfred.

Robert Goodspeed wills one-half of his record collection to John Pickard, and the other half to Maxine Rawls.

Willie L. Mills leaves his impertinent ways of teasing the girls to Truman Daniels.

Mildred Smart bequeaths her typing ability to Jessie Barnes.

Louis Henry wills his 1955 Cadillac to “Miss Prairie View.”

Frances Winfield wills her pledgee, Mary Louise Lee, her place in Club 26.

Essex Fowlks wills his patience and integrity to Raymond W. Crawford.

Dorothy Nell Kendricks leaves her lovely personality to Margaret J. Davis.

Gillespie Wilson is handing down his patience, integrity, hustling spirit and weight to Terrell Randel. pleasing personality and typing ability to some unfortunate Junior.

Charlie “Choo Choo” Brackin wills his “Cho Choo” to Leonard Chew.

Edith Thompson wills her coolness to Stella Briggs.

Ross Henry wills his investigative paper to Alphonso Foley.

Verna Roberts leaves her walk to Byron Johnson (“Tiny”).

Margaret Careathers wills her champion-winning tennis playing ability to Muriel Hurst.

L. V. Reed bestows her ability to make friends upon Clyde LaVerne Thomas.

Hazel and Helen Ratcliffe will their studying ability to any junior

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CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATES OF 1955

FOR LADIES:

- ☐ FINE LINGERIE (Rogers, San Souci)
- ☐ BOXED HOSIERY (Full Fashioned, Seamless)
- ☐ JUNIOR DRESSES & BLOUSES
- ☐ SHORTS & SKIRTS
- ☐ New Stock—COSTUME JEWELRY
- ☐ COMPACTS & POWDER SETS
- ☐ LUGGAGE & PURSES
- ☐ WALL CLOCKS—Lamps, etc.
- ☐ Perfume & Cologne—Satin Wrapped in France by “Hattie Carnegie”

FOR MEN:

- ☐ WRIST WATCHES \$9.95 up
- ☐ Import—Handless Watches
- ☐ 1955—Ties
- ☐ Gun Hangers
- ☐ Tie Pins & Racks
- ☐ Sport Shirts
- ☐ Remington & Nolco Electric SHAVERS
- ☐ Shave Lotion Sets
- ☐ Boxed Handkerchiefs

R C A RECORD PLAYERS

Free Gift Wrap

CULBERSONS OF HEMPSTEAD

Distinctive Apparel and Accessories

FINE GIFTS

Class Favorites

Most Handsome Boy Calvin Williams.

Most Beautiful Girl Cleo Donley

Most Studious Boy Dallas Pierre

Most Studious Girl Myrtle Edwards.

Most Likely to Succeed, Boy

Most Popular Boy Charlie “Choo Choo” Brackins

Most Popular Girl Doris Johnson

Most Talented Girl.... Davetta Callies

Most Talented Boy Renaldo Yerwood.

Tallest Boy Gerald Baptiste

Shortest Boy Maurice Boudoin

Quietest Senior Girl Francis Winfield

Quietest Senior Boy Carilly Alton

Jiviest Senior Girl Blossom Orum

Jiviest Senior Boy Elijah “Chili” Childress.

Most Friendly Senior Girl Jimmie Phillip.

Most Freindly Senior Boy Phillip Thorne.

Most Courteous Senior Boy

Best Dressed Senior Boys: Benjamin Rickett, Calvin Williams, Phillip Thorne, Julius Parker, George Fisher, Renaldo Yerwood.

Best Dressed Senior Girls: Norma Johnson, Ethel Stanton, Claudette Nickens, Virginia Thomas, Peggy Ann Fields, Illinois Timms.

Best Senior Boy Athlete Harry Wright.

Most Intelligent Senior Boy

Most Intelligent Senior Girl

Youngest Senior Boy Willie Griggs

Youngest Senior Girl Mildred Mark

Mr. and Miss Prairie View Loston Harris and Bennie J. Douglas

Prayer Meeting And Seniors

It is remarkable to take notice of how some seniors have taken an active part in the prayer meeting services for many years. Many seniors have been active in the program and leadership activities as well as swelling the attendance which is well over 500 each meeting.

From the experiences that Rev. Edward Hill has received from the prayer services he was able to transfer his training in such a way as to be recognized in the Youth religious world nad recently has been made minister of a church of his own—Mount Corinth Baptist Church of Houston, Texas.

Doris M. Whitfield, who has served very capably as chairman of the program committee for Prayer Services, from her freshman to her senior year—has been tremendously inspired by her association with this organization.

The senior class urges underclassmen to participate in the Prayer Meeting activities—it's inspirational and wonderful growth in all directions.

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CRYSTAL BALL—

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cadet, isn't it, Wallace?

Now this is amazing! John Glass is still going around picking up and delivering dry cleaning—but this time for a larger firm—the Schulenburg Laundry, Inc.

Joe Mucker, I knew you'd get a high position in life if you'd keep struggling. Look at you now—Superintendent of the Waco Public School System.

How does it feel being married to a magician, Myrtle Edwards?

Well, if it isn't Willie Griggs, Assistant Chief of Police in Galveston, Texas.

Essex Fowlkes, you're doing Okay for yourself as a Civil Service worker. You'd better stop making so many additions to your family, though. You already have eight.

How have you enjoyed being a soldier's wife all these years, Ernestine Craft?

Jean Rickett, you are still climbing that ladder of success, I see. You told me that you believed in Robert Browning's philosophy: "A man's reach should always exceed his grasp, otherwise why should there be a heaven." I'm sure that Mr. and Mrs. Rickett are proud to see their daughter presiding as head of the Department of Elementary Education at Jarvis College.

Well, Carly Alton, how wonderful! You are executive chemical engineer at U. S. Chemicals, Inc. Nice going, old boy.

Don't you think you should give the men a break now, Frances Winfield? You've been teaching English long enough.

Make up your mind, Gladys Hall. What will it be, housewife or secretary?

Osborne Williams, you have reached great heights, haven't you? You are now student counselor in the Longview Public School System.

Hats off to Roy Hudson! You're Head Coach of the champion high school football team.

How do you like being head of the Sociology Department at Mary Allen College, Roland Goodman?

What an odd way of making money, Eugene Madison! You are the smallest strongman ever hired by America's greatest stage-acts Corporation. Your income is a quite handsome \$100.00 per showing—3 showings per night—3 nights per week.

Well, George Forkerway is stock manager of Robert Hall Clothiers of Houston, Texas.

Say, what's this...

Theresa Burrell (housewife), 2020



WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF...

Evreyone would attend chapel and not make wisecracks about the service?

The rails were removed?

Senior students didn't have to write dictatorial dissertation in certain departments?

If the Chime should ring again?

If the girls could see night fall sometimes?

Olen Mooring would receive a contract to play with the Broklyn Dodgers?

Dishes weren't taken from the Dining Hall?

Wesley Boyd ca meto senior meeting once in awhile?

Someone studied in the library in the evening?

There were no more "mules" to be worn?

Mildred was dumb instead of smart?

Mattie was a fly instead of a Byrd?

Peggy was a pasture instead of a Fields?

Cassie was an orange instead of a Lemons?

Willie Mills couldn't fillibuster in Miss Burdine's class?

Mildred was a scratch instead of a Mark?

Thelma were Day instead of Knight?

Harry was wrong instead of Wright?

Doris Whitfield would lose her glasses?

Rosa would swim instea dof Wade?

Glendale Drive, Chicago, Ill. (4 children).

Barbara Fields (housewife), 1519 Stork Street, Dallas, Texas (3 children).

L. V. Reed (housewife), 822 Carson Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa (5 children).

Betty Cooper (housewife), 2018 Hegele, Beaumont, Texas.

Delores Eubanks has just completed writing her second drama entitled "Meeny, Monnie, and Mae," a comedy in three acts.

Fifteen thousand copies of her first novel titled "The Love Affair of Mr. Eureka" was sold. A salute to our old classmate, Delores Eubanks.

Well, if it isn't Doris Johnson! And of all things teaching Spanish in Conroe High School.

Why so sad, Ethel Stanton? Housewives sing, don't they?

How do you like working at the Fort Worth YWCA, Virgetta Thomas?

For a guy who majored in Sociology, you really ended up in a strange financial department of our capitalistic society, Maurice Boudoin. You are now chief stage technician on the late Ed Sullivan's television show, "Toast of the Town."

Hats off to Rose Wade, head librarian in the Library of Congress, the world's most noted library.

Well, Joe Hill, we see you are still singing the blues at Ciro's in

Calvin Williams were not Hand-some?

Joe Mill couldn't sing?

Arletta Thomas would lose her dancing ability?

Verna Roberts would stop prancing?

Betty Cooper didn't we ara full skirt?

Doris Johnson and Barbara could not be heard on the hall in Suares?

Ethel went out without Jean and Davetta?

Doris R. couldn ot sleep when she should be awake?

William were corn instead of Cotton?

Marjorie were feathers instead of Moss?

George were a gardener instead of a Fisher?

Beedie were a stairway instead of a Hall?

Ada and Willie were through with each other?

Mr. "A" didn't make you feel like life was worth living after all?

Adolph Hauntz didn't make like a "business man"?

Mr. Wood didn't have time to do you a favor?

Virgetta Thomas would lose her attractive freckles?

Ben Rickett could not change girl friends?

Jimmie Phillips went steady?

Peggy and Booker could not meet every morning at 7:30?

Students could not have the privilege and pleasure of attending Dear Ole P. V.?

French Professor To Study At The University of Paris

Melvin B. Tolson, Jr., professor of French, has been awarded a grant by the Board of Foreign Scholarships to study abroad.

Beginning in September of the current year, Tolson will study French Literature at the University of Paris.

As a French and Spanish instructor, the linguist has been a member of the College's Foreign Language Department staff since 1946.

The Foreign Scholarship was authorized under Public Law 594. 79th Congress, as a feature of the U. S. Educational Exchange program.

New York and getting engagements for the Prom at Prairie View.

Oh! oh! the old crystal ball is "acting up" again. It always shares the horrible experience of withholding many important facts of the future of many important people. Such is the experience shared at this moment. As soon as the Crystal Ball is repaired I'll be back with more prophecies, but goodbye for now!

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

ORCHIDS—to the outstanding senior Cadets who have placed themselves within the realm of distinction.

ORCHIDS—to the senior football players who have led the PANTHERS to four straight conference championships.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors that have given such splendid recitals.

ONIONS—to the seniors that have thought for four years, that they have been in prison.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who have, for the past four years, used the many tools of learning that were theirs for the asking.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who cared enough to strive and make Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who think that our class is best to ever walk across the prairies of Prairie View.

ONIONS—to the seniors who are still delinquent in paying their class dues.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who remember their parents for their daring undertakings.

ORCHIDS—to the senior cadet officers for escorting the young ladies to chapel.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who have maintained a 2.0 average for the past four years.

ONIONS—to the seniors who still persist in cutting lines.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who carry themselves in a way that points them out as seniors.

ORCHIDS—to the senior leaders.

ORCHIDS—to the seniors who after four years are graduating.

ONIONS—to senior rail sitters.

ORCHIDS—to those who participated in extra-curricular activities in addition to achieving scholastically

ORCHIDS—to the parents of all seniors.

ORCHIDS—from all the senior class to the instructors and administration of Prairie View A & M College.

ORCHIDS—to the Senior Class of 1955.

A SALUTE TO ROTC SENIOR CLASS OF '55

By A. E. Tuck and
Osborne C. Williams

May 15, 1955, will not only mark the day of graduation, but it will feature the final class of infantry R.O.T.C. cadet graduates. This infantry class should be remembered for its contribution to the cadet corp through the years.

The personality which made the greatest contribution the freshman year was Essex Fowlkes, who was named the most outstanding basic corp cadet in 1952. The honors went to Loston Harris for school years 1953-54. He received the most outstanding second year cadet award and the most outstanding third year cadet award in their respective years. Renaldo Yerwood was given twenty-five dollars for being the most versatile cadet during his punior year.

The above mentioned accomplishments were received under the stout leadership of Col. H. Y. Chase who was succeeded by Major F. M. Christmas in June of 1954, just prior to summer camp for the present senior cadets.

By attending camp at Ft. Benning, Ga., many of the cadets witnessed opportunities to live in strictly military atmosphere for six weeks. During camp, the cadets continued to achieve honors for their alma mater. One week during camp, the P. V. cadets were in the company receiving all three honors—best mess, best trained company and best area. Other achievements made in camp were: Carly Altons score of 172 mark on the rifle range and L. Harris's as being chosen most outstanding cadet from P. V.

During summer camp, all of the time was not in training and hard work, but time was allotted to the

competitive sports program. The following cadets performed well for P. V.: Roy Atkins and Richard Price, 2nd in tennis; Edward S. Jones, 3rd in swimming; J. Parker, in golf; W. Boyd, J. Parker and G. Baptiste in softball. On honor's day, Parker was first in grenade throwing and L. Flowers was second in throwing grenade for accuracy.

The most humorous events in camp were Renaldo Yerwood's famous "16" on the rifle range and A.

Camp ended with plenty of ex-E. Tuck's road guard act. periences and fun for those who attended.

After returning to the campus, Loston Harris was named Regt. Commander, Roy Akins, 1st Bn. Co. and James Wallace, 2nd Bn. Co., during regular drills. Cadet Col. Atkins led his battalion to more first places with company A under Command of Cadet Capt. Phillip Thorne, having won more first places, followed closely by Capt. Leroy L. Flowers. Cadet Lt. Col. Wallace stated "his Battalion would win most of the first places on the Annual Field Day exercises". Lt. Col. Atkins retaliated with "time will only tell."

In addition to exploiting success on the drill field, the senior cadets offices escorting young ladies to chapel once a month in uniform. The cadets also spearheaded such activities as not cutting line in the dining hall, awarding flowers to the First Lady of the campus and the outstanding undergraduate lady. The cadets have been responsible for such successful, enjoyable social events as the Officers Ball, Cadet's Ball, Ladies Day, Annual Inspection day, field day and the fabulous R.O. T.C. picnics.

Aim:

Highliter Always

LOSTON HARRIS

Truly a distinguished member of the senior class is Loston Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Harris, a native of Moreauville, Louisiana. He graduated from Lincoln High School, Port Arthur, Texas and entered Prairie View College in 1951. Loston is a Business Administration major. His favorite pastime is listening to music and reading poetry. While in college Loston has been in the Men's Glee Club; Business Manager of THE PANTHER; a member of the Radio Club and campus Disc Jockey; a member of the Student Welfare Committee; assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, and a member of the Barons of Innovation.

Loston displayed his ingenuity and creative talents by producing and directing various talent shows presented for the entertainment of the student body. He was campaign manager and official escort for Miss P. V. of 1954-55.

Among Loston's achievements and awards are: Sam W. Becker award in 1953 for being rated the "most outstanding basic course cadet in R.O.T.C."; Sam W. Becker award in 1954 for being rated the "most outstanding advanced course cadet"; he was rated most outstanding cadet from Prairie View in Summer Camp at Fort Benning, Ga.; he was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities 1953-54; he is now Cadet Colonel and has been designated a distinguished Military Stu-



FUTURE BUSINESSWOMAN:

Miss Peggy Ann Fields has a high scholastic record, good looks, and personality — all the ingredients needed for a successful career in business. A Dalasite, Miss Fields was a runner-up in the Miss PV contest, and has gained distinction in her college career.

dent (1955). Loston has been on the honor roll each semester while attending P.V.

Expressing his aim in life, Loston says he wants "to be of greater service to mankind; to travel and see most of the world." His favorite quotation very appropriately symbolizes his outstanding personality and achievements: "What you are means much more than what you have."

SENIOR PERSONALITIES

Lady of the Year

Glorifying in our own spunk and discretion, we the members of the senior class, point a finger at Claudette Nickens, a truly outstanding member of the class.

Claudette is a graduate of Ralph Bunche High School of Crockett, Texas, and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Woodall of Huntsville, Texas. Upon graduation from high school, she received highest honors and has participated in many of our campus activities while here on "the hill." She is a member of the Charm Club (president); Les Belle Lettres Cultural Club and KOB's. Because she has a general average of 2.3 and above, she is eligible for membership to the Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society. Claudette has been Fashion Editor of the PANTHER and secretary of our class in the sophomore year.

Petite Nikki, as she is affectionately called, possesses a pleasant, manner that has not gone unnoticed by the students. For the year 1953-54 she was elected queen of the Veterans' Club and First Battalion Sweetheart of the R.O.T.C.

As a clothing and Textile major, Claudette enjoys doing things that require creativity and imagination such as sewing, designing, drawing and painting, writing and playing the piano. She is a Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarship student — eligible because of having maintained a "B" average throughout her four years. She plans to enter the business world upon graduation.

This year Claudette was chosen by the R.O.T.C. Cadet Corps as "Lady of the Year" because of her pre-



FUTURE MODEL, Miss Cleopatra Donley, who hails from Galveston, has her eye on a modeling career. Selected by several publications for modeling advertisements before leaving school, Miss Donley has ample natural talent and qualifications for the career she seeks.

vailing good conduct and tremendous achievement. This announcement, the first of its kind to be made on the campus, was made at the annual Cadets' Ladies' Day ceremonies and festivities.

Congratulations, Claudette, for having acquired a most honorable title of distinction. We wish you happiness and success in abundance.

To Engineering Fame

FRANKLIN GEORGE FISHER

Every year in September there comes to the campus of Prairie View a new group of students. In every group of students that embark upon this scene there are some that are destined to be great and excel. Each year at this time, time is taken to recognize this select group that have come through the four years and exemplified the qualities that make them select and outstanding.

Ranking high in this group of distinguished people is one Franklin G. Fisher. Fisher hails from Waco originally, but since the second world war he has lived in Sandusky, Ohio. His major is Electrical Engineering. He was inspired to enter this field because his father is employed as an Electronic Specialist in the field of Guided Missiles.

Fisher will be the first student to finish from the department of Electrical Engineering in four years. He is a captain in the R.O.T.C. and President of the Barons of Innovation—an honor in itself. He is one of the main exponents of the senior class being active in its affairs and chairman of several committees—he is also class reporter.

Fisher is well liked by the students and faculty members. An indication of his popularity is exhibited in the fact that he was selected as one of the best dressed senior fellows and is acknowledged here as a truly outstanding member of the senior class. Space will not allow us to expound further on Fisher, but condensed in these few lines is our tribute to Franklin George Fisher.

SENIOR CLIQUES

By Barbara Jean Fields

Well, guys and gals, once again we are approaching the end of another school year on the hill. Within a very few days, trains, busses, planes, cars, trucks, bicycles, scooters and horses and wagons will depart with students enroute to various cities, towns, villages, junctions, whistle stops, states and countries.

For many this will merely be a summer vacation which will pass very rapidly. Then these same vehicles will be en route to the hill again to reunite the old Panther family with new additions to the family. Others will be leaving Pantherland possibly to never return again in person, but more than likely they will be easily remembered by the cliques they formed. Can you imagine the campus minus these well known figures?

Julius Parker and George Fisher and their big umbrellas?

The music studio without Davetta Callies, Ethel Stanton, and Jean Williams?

The "rec" without the famous four, "Bozo, Roland, Baptiste, and Calvin?"

Wesley "Undertaker" Boyd and Eugene Madison, without their bermudas and Cadillac?

You'd have to be West Texas bound to see the Hudson twins and George Forkerway.

Blackshear Field No. II without the immortal Charlie "Choo Choo" Brackins, Elijah "Big Chili" Childress, Charles "Big Wright" and "Handsome" Harry Wright.

The "rec," Suarez Hall, the Dining Hall, the Gym, the Sociology Department, the Library, Blackshear Field No. II, or Prenis Williams and Lorenza Dunlap without Barbara Fields and Virgetta Thomas.

Then, too, it might be hard to get those steps right without the "cool" "fat" music of "Little Joe Hill," Ed Johnson, Dotson Burns,

and Henry "Hank" Thompson.

Now, the fellows, for the latest fashions, will have to consult Esquire magazine because these Beau Brummells will be setting fashions in other places. Benjamin Rickett, Phillip Thorne and Dudley DeRouen.

Tight skirts without the Johnson girls, Doris and Norma.

The "Rec" a "nervous wreck" without Blossom Orum and Patsy.

The annoyance of wisecracking without Corneida Bowers and Ann Edwards.

Without the triplets, Jettie Douglas, Melva Broussard and Eunice Carrington.

Emory Harper and Nathaniel "cookie" Conner.

We really must close before we witness our last debate between Elijah Miles and Charles Washington.

Now we must not forget that some couples are mighty familiar around here. Somebody's really going to miss:

Mildred Mark, huh! John Simmons? Claudette Nickens, how about that, "Tiny?"

L. V. Reed and James Love will leave hand in hand, though.

William Cotton, true Imogene Mabry?

Peggy Fields, Booker Hogan looks sick already.

Joan Crawford, you'll see her in the movies Carmen.

Joe Mucker, Geretta will never smile again.

Loston Harris, say you understand Liz McKnight?

Gladys Sharkey and Henry Morris. Ray Hudson will always sing Laura. Leroy Flowers, it's tough, isn't it, Helen?

Bennie Jewel Douglas and her lovely smile.

Renaldo Yerwood? ? ? Well the door is still closed to his heart.

Janie Rickett, it won't be so bad, for he will visit.

Man Of Esteem

Edward Victor Hill, holds a place of high honor in the class of 1955. Truly a man of high esteem and distinction, is he.

Edward is a graduate of the Sweet Home High School, Seguin, Texas. He entered Prairie View in the fall of 1951 majoring in Agriculture, specializing in agronomy. During the past four years he has been an active member of the Student Prayer Group, New Farmers of America, Y.M.C.A., Debating Society, Agronomy Club, and is now a member of the Crescent Club of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He has served as president of the Collegiate Chapter of the New Farmers of America.

Edward's most outstanding achievements have been made in the religious world. He has served as campus Student Minister of the Prayer group, speaking quite often in the absence of the director, Rev. M. M. Pierson. In addition to his school activities, he has served for 2 years as Director of Youth activity of the General Baptist Convention of Texas for 3 years. As president of the National Baptist Youth Convention of America, he has done extensive traveling in 43 states of the country, Canada and Mexico.

His ministerial pursuits were highlighted in February when he accepted the position as minister of the Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church of Houston. The church is one of the largest and newest churches in the south. The approximate cost of the building is \$160,000. It is well led by Rev. Hill to live up to its material structure to fulfill the spiritual needs of its members.

After graduation, Rev. Hill says that his plans are to REST. Godspeed and continued success to Edward V. Hill.

SUBMERGED DISTINCTION

PHILLIP THORNE

"Fun thorns" (those little pricking remarks made in jest) have not stopped Phillip Thorne, senior "in the background," from performing well this year and others prior to it.

In fact, the senior class was extremely shocked to learn of the outstanding work that "Phil" had done during the past four years. Everyone knows that he enjoyed living with the coeds and his pals; that he never missed a dance, but when it came to his studies, everyone forgot that he really knew how to "burn the midnight oil."

Phillip hails from Bastrop, Texas. He is a Jesse Jones scholarship recipient, majoring in Agricultural Economics and minoring in Rural Sociology. He lends his glowing personality to the following campus organizations: The N.F.A., Barons of Innovation, French Club, R.O.T.C., (this is where the personality stops glowing and he starts "tending to business"), he is a captain in the cadet corps; and he participates in the Beaumont-PV Club.

Our senior of submerged distinction is extremely active in many campus activities, serving as a staunch supporter of things and a morale builder for people.

One of his most outstanding achievements is his scholastic average in the School of Agriculture. Oddly enough, he has had to buck many ribbings for being an "Ag major" and a campus "regular."

He plans to enter Civil Service after serving a tour of duty in the Army. He will be missed from the campus scenes. We wish him lots of luck!

BENJAMIN RICKETT, JR.

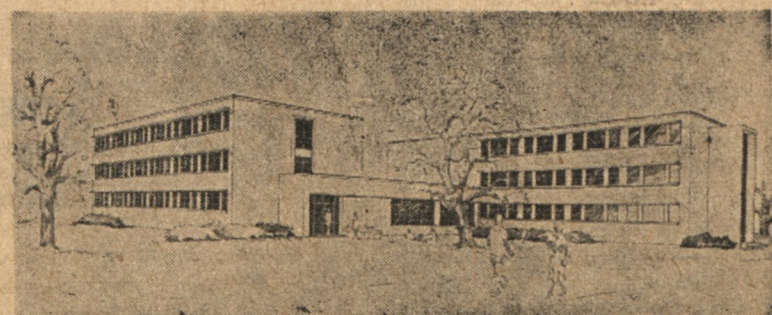
"Ben" Rickett, a dynamic figure in the senior class, is a truly distinguished fellow. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rickett, Sr., of Beaumont, Texas.

His playful, nonchalant manner deceived many of his school mates for quite a while, for they concealed a brilliant student and a wonderful personality. Ben has been on the honor roll every semester except the first of his freshman year. It was after that semester that he realized it was smartest to be serious and "tend to the academic business." As a result, many is the heart that "cool walking" Ben has cracked—broken a few, too.

He is an Education major and a Spanish minor. His favorite pastime is "shucking and jiving," having fun and helping others to have fun. He is a member of the Barons of Innovation, Spanish Club, Beaumont-PV Club, and is a major in the R.O.T.C.

After graduation, Rickett plans to make a career of the Army. He says, "No one could expect to devote the remaining years of his life to a better cause. After all, the Army is not organized only to protect our country, but it also has the purpose of making well-rounded young men to fit into anyone's society."

Ben has been a real asset to the class—he will be missed. A salute to Benjamin Rickett!



NEW DORMITORY—nearing completion, the dormitory pictured above will be available for occupancy during the summer session by women.

FUTURE TEACHERS TAKE EDUCATIONAL TOUR

This is to impress on your mind the highlights of the Future Teachers of America. Let us begin with the month of March when the F.T.A. members gave their United Nations Dinner, representing various countries. In order to gain new acquaintances and ideas, a representative is always sent to participate in various activities at the Future Teachers of America Convention.

As our culminating activity for this year we journeyed to San Antonio, Texas mainly sightseeing. There we saw such places as: The Alamo (Cradle of Texas Liberty), viewing some of the historical sites of great men; the San Jose Mission

(Queen of the Missions), the first mission in America owned by Spain, still standing; Breckenridge Park Consisting of many interesting sites such as Chinese Tea Garden, Zoo, and Sunken Garden.

There were other classifications

represented on the tour, the majority being seniors, namely Laverne Burton, James Love, Emogene Mabry, Charles McClennea, L. V. Reed, Wildred Smart, Rose Marie Wade, Bernice Williams and Hattie Wills. Other senior members of the organization who did not go on the tour were: Betty Booker, Naomi Davis,

Myrtle Edwards, General Ford, Essex Fowlks, Audrey Gilford, Wanda Jiles, Evelyn Nickerson, Hazel Ratcliff and Helen Ratcliff.

This organization is supervised under the sponsorship of three fine, lovable and capable persons, Miss D. I. Burdine, Mrs. A. C. Preston, and Dr. Jack Echols.

Pursuit of Success

The senior (undergraduate) class of 1954-55 has unwavering determination to reach that goal which appears, presently, far fetched. With this valor they will advance to unknown heights; they will continuously strive to higher byways trying to reach that goal as the Grammarian did in A Grammarian's Funeral by Robert Browning.

He knew the signal, and stepped on with pride over men's pity; Left play for work, and grappled with the world bent on escaping.

The seniors . . . before living he'd learn how to live

No end to learning; Earn the means first—God surely will contrive use for our earning.

Others mistrust and say, "But time escapes; Live now or never"

He said, "What's time? Leave now for dogs and apes! Man has forever."

and in the end the seniors will be left

. . . Still loftier than the world suspects,

Living and dying.

They would have remembered in their pursuits that

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,

These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

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CLASS WILL—

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who doesn't like to study.

Joseph Hill bequeaths his ability to play the Bongos to some musically-inclined person.

Adolph Fulton wills his ability to perform in dramatics to an oncoming actor.

Elijah Miles leaves his "gift of gab" and parliamentary procedure knowledge to whoever needs it.

Ada Thompson wills her smiles, interest and talking ability to Harold Taylor, and the center seat in the "Senior garden" to "Old Mays."

Bobbie Bates leaves her artistic ability to the Art Department.

Bonnie Adair wills her sweet smiles to those who hate to smile.

Dallas Pierre leaves his ability to study to those who don't know the thrill in studying.

Benjamin Rickett wills his ability to get girls to the fellows on the campus.

John Glass wills his neat waistline to some large fellow (Gillespie Wilson).

Doris Johnson wills her walk and tight skirts to Novella Coleman, and her speech ability to Ann West.

Billy Howard wills to his dear beloved friend, Adolph Hauntz, his portion of the campus to walk and l- on.

Jimmie Lee Phillip passes on to some inspired junior the necessary willpower to "fool with the class membership" in the matter of trying to preserve something in print for them to take away (for instance, these few lines in this publication).

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